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## Letter from Anne Whitney, 1871 July 21

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26<sup>th</sup> July. - A day came from Lim-  
meridge last. That & mine have  
gone to Ireland. whence, at Queenstown  
they will take steamer. - We cd. not have  
charged to the Parthia, had it seemed  
advisable for there were no places. We  
shall therefore remain here until towards  
the last of next week when we intend going  
to Stratford - on the way to Phoenix.  
Edw. Little came to hear the 18<sup>th</sup>. I am  
very sorry about Scotland. but it seems  
to be the only way I can do now, to resemble  
that place. At present my hands are  
pretty full - just being London, of wh.  
there seems to be as yet. Yesterday P.M., we  
went into the H of Commons. but it was an  
occasion of no interest & nobody there  
was there. The Member who gave us ad-  
mission wrote that he wd. get permission  
to enter another time. They do not provide  
any general place for spectators - a little gal-  
lery across one end of the lower with a thick  
brass grating wh. prevents any clear  
vision of what is going on below, is all that  
is accorded to women, & for men there is a  
similar arrangement at the other end. We  
have been to several houses where there are  
collections of pictures & other valuable  
for the day. - of wh. I will tell you when  
we meet.

The weather has been good & hot  
for the last 4 or 5 days - & the City has been  
really enjoyable - independent of its beauty.



Command has not forwarded the letter  
to Mr. Edw. refers. & I shall write to  
them today. The English people are more  
prompt. Nor are they more reliable  
than continental peoples. I think  
perhaps they have more verbal accu-  
racy.

You will know from the fact of  
my continued activity - that the promise  
of Melvill was not in vain. What  
a lucky thought it was!  
We are going now after lunch to the  
Hersington Museum - one of the chief  
of things I see - 3 times planned - I  
believe - but not yet achieved. The  
ways of getting about this monster-city  
are curious to consider -

With love to you all - & soon to be  
at home - Adm. safe give them my  
kindest love -